

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES TOMPSON RIGGS

No. 1:20cv940-HBK (SS)

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO SHOW  
CAUSE WHY THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT  
BE DISMISSED FOR LACK OF  
PROSECUTION AND/OR PROVIDE PROOF  
OF SERVICE ON COMMISSIONER

This matter comes before the Court upon initial review of the file which was recently reassigned to the undersigned. (Doc. 6). Plaintiff initiated this *pro se* action on July 7, 2020 by filing a Complaint for review of Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income Decision. (Doc. No. 1). Plaintiff was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (Doc. No. 3). On July 9, 2020, the Clerk issued summons (Doc. No. 4) and a scheduling order issued (Doc. No. 5). A review of the docket reveals no return of the summons indicating that the Commissioner has received timely service of process. *See* docket. Aside from filing the Complaint, there has been no record activity on the docket from the parties. *Id.* It is unclear whether service was effectuated upon the Commissioner or whether Plaintiff has decided to voluntarily dismiss this action.

Accordingly, it is now **ORDERED**:

1. Plaintiff shall show cause within ten (10) days from the date on this Order why this case

1 should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and/or provide proof of return of service  
2 of process on Commissioner.

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4 2. If Plaintiff wishes to voluntary dismiss this case, he shall file a Notice of Voluntary  
5 Dismissal under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41 (a) within ten (10) days.

6 3. Plaintiff's failure to respond to this Order or explain his inability to respond will result  
7 in the dismissal of this case without further notice for Plaintiff's failure to comply with  
8 a court order and to prosecute this action.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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12 Dated: January 13, 2021

  
13 HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA  
14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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